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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby affirm the election of Group I in response to the restriction requirement and the cancellation of Group II claims by Examiner in the office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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